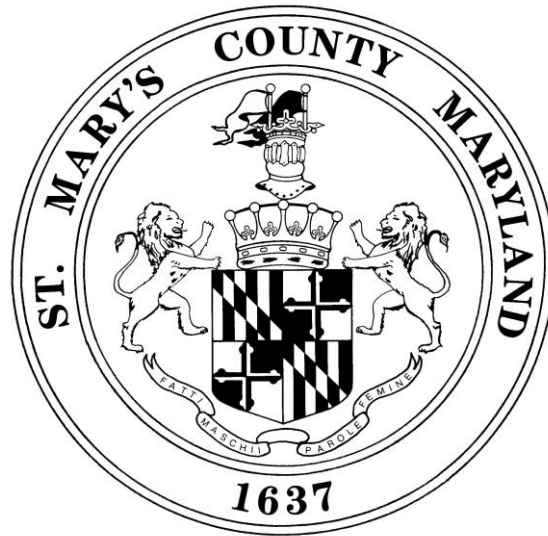


Recreation and Parks Board of St. Mary's County



2019 Annual Report

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Arthur Shepherd, Director

February 13, 2020

INTRODUCTION

The Recreation and Parks (R&P) Board is a nine (9) member board appointed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) "to provide advice and assistance concerning a comprehensive program of public recreation, including establishment, operation, and maintenance of a system of public parks and facilities throughout St. Mary's County." The Board generally meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 5:30 P.M., in the Chesapeake Building, in Leonardtown.

During calendar year 2019, the Parks system consisted of twenty-one (21) parks and fifteen (15) public waterfront landings. The Department manages the Leonard Hall, Margaret Brent, Hollywood and Carver Recreation Centers; a Gymnastics Center; the Great Mills Swimming Pool; Skatepark and Sprayground at Nicolet Park; Three Notch Trail; and numerous Licensed Extended Day Centers (before and after school care centers).

Additionally, the Department manages the 150± acre Wicomico Shores Golf Course (WSGC), with oversight provided by the WSGC Advisory Board. The Department also manages the St. Clement's Island Museum, the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and the Drayden African American Schoolhouse; oversight of these facilities is provided by the Museum Board of Trustees.

The Department is comprised of five divisions: Administration; Recreation; Parks; Museums; and Golf Course. The Director of Recreation and Parks provides supervision and management for these divisions, in addition managing capital planning for new parks and facility expansion and enhancements.

Board Membership

Appointments

Christine Kaila – January 2019

Tara Shade – January 2019

Joshua Shaffer – February 2019

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2019 Attendance – Eleven Meetings

Member	1/10	2/2	3/7	4/4	5/2	6/6	8/1	9/5 No Quorum	10/3	11/7 No Quorum	12/5	Total
Richard Buckler	P	P	P	P	P	P	A		P		P	8
Christine Kaila	P	P	A	P	P	P	P		P		P	8
Joseph Longobardi	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P		P	9
Patrick Murphy	P	P	P	P	P	A	P		A		A	6
Thoms Nelson	A	A	P	A	A	A	P		P		P	4
Fred Parker	P	P	P	P	P	P	A		P		P	8
Tara Shade	A	P	P	A	P	P	P		A		P	6
Floyd Warren	A	A	A	P	A	P	P		A		P	3
Members in Attendance	5	6	6	6	6	6	6		5		7	

*Meeting held at Leonard Hall Recreation Center, Leonardtown, MD

**Not appointed yet

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2019

- The Commissioners of St. Mary’s County passed a Tobacco Free Park resolution.
- The Department began the process for national accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation for Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).
- The Commissioners of St. Mary’s County approved the Lexington Manor Passive Park Master Plan.
- A contract was awarded for the installation of three (3) synthetic turf fields - Chancellors Run Regional Park, Chaptico Park and Dorsey Park
- Program Open Space funds in the amount of \$1,440,00 was approved for the following projects:
 - Chaptico Park - Irrigation for three (3) renovated grass game fields and lights on an additional field
 - Dorsey Park- Playground replacement project
 - Lexington Manor Passive Park- Renovation of park streets, additional lighting and public restroom
- Renovated the football game fields at 5th District Park and Lancaster Park, including irrigation
- Upgraded the 90’ baseball field at Chancellors Run Regional Park
- Installed playgrounds at Hollywood Recreation Center and St. Andrew’s Estates
- A contract was awarded for the master planning and design work at Shannon Farms

PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED OR EXPECTED

- Plan for a Gymnastics Center lease at the current site or a new location. The current lease expires in May 2022.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Board will continue to work with the Department and provide support for R&P Capital and other projects. Some of these include:

- Three Notch Trail Development
- Snow Hill Farm Development
- Recreation Facilities and Park Improvements
- Elms Beach Park Improvements
- Shannon Farm Park Development
- New outdoor sports complex and community/recreation center
- Continued support for Departmental efforts for new programs, events and activities